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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For : OPTICAL FIBER CONNECTION

COMPONENT, OPTICAL FIBER CONNECTION STRUCTURE, AND OPTICAL FIBER

CONNECTION METHOD

Examiner : Jerry T Rahll

Group Art Unit : 2874

## **AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## Dear Sir:

This is an Amendment to the above-identified application in which a request for continued examination (RCE) has been filed herewith under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(a). In response to the Office Action mailed June 8, 2006, please reconsider the present application in light of the following amendments and comments.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.